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Public Services Grant Program

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services Grants are available to non-entitlement counties throughout Washington State to support partnerships with local Community Action Agencies in conjunction with Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) funds administered by the Department of Commerce's Community Services Division. The Washington State CDBG Public Services Grant Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Funds Available

Approximately $1,557,612 will be available for Public Services Grants in 2009, depending on amount of the state's HUD award. Grants will be awarded to eligible counties for pass through to Community Action Agencies.

Eligible Activities

CDBG Public Services Grants are targeted for new services, expansion of existing services, implementation of new innovative approaches and serving new clients. These grants address the root causes of poverty and help poor families and individuals regain or retain self-sufficiency. Typical services include:

- Child Care
- Crime Prevention
- Drug Abuse Prevention
- Education
- Employment

- Energy Conversation
- Fair Housing Counseling
- Health
- Recreational Programs
- Welfare

Eligible Applicants

The 12 non-entitlement counties that have established a subrecipient agreement with their local Community Action Agency will be included in the formula allocation.

Application Process

- Eligible counties and their Community Action Agency subrecipients are invited to submit an application for Public Services Grants in November 2008.
- Contracts will be negotiated in January 2009 based on a formula allocation of the estimated HUD award.
- Applicants for formula grants must meet all CDBG submittal requirements before contracts will be fully executed.

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